

B² 4. (Amended) The additive of claim 3 wherein the hydrophobic fibers comprise at least one selected from the group [of hydrophobic fibers] consisting [essentially] of nylon, rayon, and hydrocarbon fibers, and wherein the hydrophilic fibers comprise at least one selected from the group [of hydrophilic fibers] consisting [essentially] of glass, cellulose, carbon, silicon, graphite, calcined petroleum coke, and cotton fibers.

B³ 6. (Amended) The additive of claim 5 wherein the reinforcing material comprises at least one comminuted material selected from the group of comminuted plant materials consisting [essentially] of nut and seed shells or hulls of almond, brazil, cocoa bean, coconut, cotton, flax, grass, linseed, maize, millet, oat, peach, peanut, rice, rye, soybean, sunflower, walnut, and wheat; rice tips; rice straw; rice bran; crude pectate pulp; peat moss fibers; flax; cotton; cotton linters; wool; sugar cane; paper; bagasse; bamboo; corn stalks; sawdust; wood; bark; straw; cork; dehydrated vegetable matter; whole ground corn cobs; corn cob light density pith core; corn cob ground woody ring portion; corn cob chaff portion; cotton seed stems; flax stems; wheat stems; sunflower seed stems; soybean stems; maize stems; rye grass stems; millet stems; and mixtures thereof.

B⁴ 8. (Amended) The additive of claim 7 wherein the reinforcing material is a comminuted material selected from [among] the group of comminuted materials [derived from] consisting of peanuts, wood, paper any portion of rice seed or plant, any portion of corn cobs, and mixtures thereof.

9. (Amended) The additive of claim 8 wherein the additive further includes cellophane, and wherein the reinforcing material is a comminuted material selected from [among] the group consisting of mixtures of comminuted rice fraction and peanut hulls; mixtures of comminuted rice fraction, and wood fiber or almond hulls; mixtures of comminuted rice fraction and corn cob fraction; and mixtures of comminuted rice fraction and corn cob fraction and at least one of wood fiber, nut shells, and paper.

11. (Amended) A method of forming a well kill fluid comprising:

(a) providing a well kill additive comprising a dry mixture of water soluble crosslinkable polymer, a crosslinking agent, and a reinforcing material selected from [among] the group consisting of fibers and comminuted plant materials; and

(b) contacting the well kill additive with water or an aqueous solution to form the well kill fluid.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the polymer is a partially hydrolyzed polyacrylamide, the crosslinking agent is a chromic carboxylate complex, wherein the additive further includes cellophane, and wherein the reinforcing material is a comminuted material selected from [among] the group consisting of mixtures of comminuted rice fraction and peanut hulls; mixtures of comminuted rice fraction, and wood fiber or almond hulls; mixtures of comminuted rice fraction and corn cob fraction; and mixtures of comminuted rice fraction and corn cob fraction and at least one of wood fiber, nut shells, and paper.